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Applicants: Neil Duggal, et al.)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge or credit deficiencies or overpayments in this case to Deposit Account No. 50-3352. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: